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REISSUE APPLICATION BY THE INVENTOR

Sir:

Kindly reissue the above identified patent with claims including original claims 1- 27, as issued in U.S. Patent No. 5,765,398 and, in addition, include newly added claims 28 - 33. Please note that the present reissue application is a continuation reissue application of the U.S. Reissue Patent Application No. 09/531,299, filed on March 20, 2000 (pending).

REMARKS

Applicant has requested a reissue patent in that the patent, as originally issued, is partially defective since the claims claimed less than applicant was entitled to in view of the prior art. More specifically, all of the claims, as issued, indicated that the surface of the jewelry item has a longer and a shorter dimension and that the gemstone has two opposite ends in the general direction of the longer dimension. Therefore, the issued claims required for the gemstone to be set in the direction of the longer dimension. Such limitation was not required by the prior art and Applicant's inventive contribution was broader than embodied in the issued claims. Therefore, the above mentioned limitations were eliminated from the claims 28-32, submitted with this

application.

Additionally, the issued claims have a limitation of connecting member comprising a pin and a sleeve, located underneath the jewelry item surface, the sleeve being cold soldered to the jewelry item to secure the connecting member. However, this limitation was likewise not required by the prior art and Applicant's inventive contribution was broader than embodied in the issued claims. Therefore, the above mentioned sleeve limitation was eliminated from the claim 33, submitted with this application. The basis for the presently submitted new claim 33 may be found in column 2, lines 49-53 of the original patent, wherein it is stated that the pin of the connecting member may be cold soldered directly to the jewelry item thereby eliminating the need for a sleeve.

Applicant has requested that claims 28 -33 be added to the claims as originally issued and that a new patent issue with all claims 1 - 33.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this reissue application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned attorney for further discussion.

Respectfully Submitted

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